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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, March 3, 1900.]

PLAGUE.

ITALY.—By maritime sanitary police order of February 25, 1900, the port of Aden is declared plague infected, and arrivals from said port are subject to the restrictions applied to vessels arriving from New Caledonia and Oman.

BELGIUM.—By ministerial order of February 24, 1900, the order of August 17, 1899, is declared out of force from February 25, as regards arrivals from Portugal.

NETHERLANDS.—The ministerial order of June 16, 1899, declaring Alexandria plague infected, is declared out of force after February 23. The following order from the minister of the interior and finance is made public:

"From February 25, 1900, the prohibition of the importation and transportation of rags, clothing in use, and unwashed personal and bedclothing from Alexandria is removed."

GREECE.—According to advices of February 19, all arrivals from the coast of Arabia and the Gulf of Oman, as far as Aden, when said arrivals have left said localities later than January 25, 1900, are subject to strict quarantine for ten days. The duration of the voyage shall not include the passage to the quarantine island of Delos.

PORTUGAL.—By ministerial order of February 21, 1900, arrivals from Réunion Island are no longer subject to quarantine against plague.

SWEDEN.—By proclamation of February 17, 1900, Oporto and the island of Madagascar are declared free of plague.

DUTCH INDIES.—By order of the governor-general published in the Java Courant of January 30, 1900, quarantine against Osaka is decreed from December 23, against Hongkong from December 29, against Nagasaki from December 30, 1899, and against Nagasaki from January 3, 1900. The importation of susceptible articles from the places named is forbidden.

CHOLERA.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—By proclamation of January 29, 1900, the port of Bangkok is declared cholera infected. All arrivals from the port named shall be held in quarantine by the sanitary authorities of the colony until free pratique is given.

ARABIA.

Further concerning plague in Aden.

ADEN, ARABIA, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have to confirm the following telegram of the 24th instant, viz, "Plague, isolated."

To date unofficial information gives the number of cases of plague in

Aden as from 8 to 10 and 4 deaths, the first occurring on the 22d instant. While from the first appearance the authorities have been most diligent in trying to prevent the spread they did not issue an official notification until late the 23d. The plague broke out in one of the shipping piers about midway between steamer point and Aden proper at a place locally known as Hedjof, where only coolies, Bedouins and 2 families of better natives live. This place was at once quarantined and closely guarded so that none have been able to come forth into the populous parts of the peninsula. The cases were moved to the plague quarantine station out to a remote and unused place in harbor, 2 miles from anchorage of any vessel. I mention these particulars so that it can be seen that every means is being used to stop its spread and the impression among the medical men is that very few more cases will occur, so vigorous has been the fight to stop it.

It is said that the plague can not exist on barren hot rocks, and as that is all there is in Aden but little alarm is felt by Europeans here.

Respectfully, E. S. CUNNINGHAM,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BARBADOS.

Quarantine report.

BARBADOS, *March 3, 1900.*

SIR: My last regular report was made on November 27. I have now to report as follows:

Barbados.—Quarantine is in force here against Para, Pernambuco, and Rio de Janeiro for yellow fever and smallpox; and Alexandria, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Lisbon, Mauritius, Oporto, Rio de Janeiro, Rosario, Santos, and State of Paraguay for bubonic plague. The health of the colony is good, with the exception of influenza.

British Guiana.—Quarantine is in force there against Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, and Panama. Arrivals from Portugal, Venezuela, and Calcutta are quarantined for examination by the health officer.

Dutch Guiana.—Her Majesty's consul there on the 26th ultimo reported the health of the colony to be good, and that quarantine was not imposed on any vessels arriving there.

French Guiana.—Her Majesty's vice-consul there reports the health of that colony to be good.

Caracas.—A few mild cases of supposed smallpox in the prison there.

Grenada.—Quarantine is in force there against Bahia, Para, Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro, and Santos.

Guadeloupe.—Quarantine is in force there against Egypt, India, Portugal, and Réunion for plague; and Buenos Ayres, Colon, and the Southern States of America for yellow fever.

Jamaica.—Quarantine is in force there against Brazil, Cuba, Porto Rico, Venezuela, and the coast of Costa Rica and Panama between and inclusive of Points Carreta and Rincon. Vessels from Key West, India, Alexandria, Hongkong, Oporto, Grand Bassam, French Ivory Coast, Mauritius, Pernambuco, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Spanish ports, are treated as "suspect," and dealt with by the board after considering the health officer's report.

Leeward Islands.—Quarantine is in force there against Alexandria, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Mauritius, Oporto, Santos, and Paraguay for plague; and Bahia, Cuba, La Guayra, Manaos, Panama, Para, Per-